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**STUDY BREAK** provided by Student Senate will be held tonight at 7 p.m. in Buhr Lounge.

**CHAPEL DURING FINALS WEEK** will be held from 10:45 to 11 a.m. in Buhr Lounge.

**THE STUDENT UNION** will be open 24 hours a day until Thursday, Dec. 16, to allow students to study for finals.

**THE ACCOUNTING ROOM** (WBC 116) will be open 24 hours a day until Wednesday to allow students to study for finals. No food or beverages will be allowed.

**STUDENTS WISHING** to have their newspapers saved during Christmas Break should place their names on list at the Information Desk. Post Office personnel would appreciate students providing a box in which to save their papers in.

**STUDENTS GRADUATING**, transferring or not returning to Wartburg for Winter Term are asked to leave a forwarding address at the Information Desk.

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**CAPTIVE FREE** will perform on Thursday, Jan. 6, at 7:30 p.m. in Buhr Lounge. A free will offering will be taken and refreshments will be served.

# Twin peaks top tower

by Deanna K. Swartz

"Up, up, and away."  
"Up, up, and down" more accurately describes how the Zimmerman Tower went up in three separate pieces on the new chapel.

Activity began at 7 a.m. Thursday as workers prepared to raise the twin copper steeples and ended about 2:15 p.m. when the cross was set in place.

"What's special about today is all the planning... It's such a beautiful building; everyone's taking a lot of pride in what they've done," Scott Emerson, the crane operator, said. "Everyone's anxious to see what the finished product will look like... working together to make sure things go as smoothly as possible."

One of the main concerns before the big day arrived was the weather.

"If it were too windy, we couldn't put it up," said John Lawbe, former special projects coordinator for the college. Lawbe retired a year and a half ago, but was asked to come back to be involved with the chapel.

"The hardest part was the base, because it was the heaviest," Emerson said. The base weighs about 10 tons, while each steeple weighs from four and a half to five tons. The tower stands 41 feet tall.

The base was in place by 8:30 a.m.

"It went up and down, up and down. Then they shifted it over the top," Bree Truax, '96, said. "Then there

was a lot of yelling before they set it down, and some major squeaky noises."

The yelling was justified. "We lost radio communication during the setting of the base and had to rely on hand signals the rest of the day," Emerson said.

The first copper steeple went up about 10 a.m.

Students, faculty and administration gathered outside, shivering and huddling together, to watch the event.

"We're never going to do anything like this for Habitat," said Craig Dittmer, '95, head of Habitat for Humanity. "I love watching stuff like this."

The actual raising and setting process took about 10 minutes per steeple.

The second steeple went into place without mishap.

At 1:45 p.m., construction workers prepared to raise the cross.

President Robert Vogel had invited Bonita Bakker, a Wartburg alum from 1957, to see the cross before it went up.

She and her sister, Jean Byl, '67, donated the cross in memory of their parents and brother. "It's a personal thrill," Bakker said.

Bakker said she regretted that her sister and her daughter, Carrie Petersen, '93, former member of the Wartburg women's basketball team, couldn't be there.

Positioning the cross took about a half an hour. Workers raised and lowered the cross three times to make sure it was facing the



**EASY DOES IT**—Construction workers carefully guide the second chapel spire into place Thursday. Photo by Joel Becker

right direction.

Finally, workers set the stainless steel cross between the two towering steeples as the crowd cheered and applauded.

"Just awesome," were the only words that came from President Robert Vogel's mouth after the cross was in place.

Cardinal Construction Company from Waterloo, the general contractor, has

worked with several subcontractors on the chapel project, Lawbe said.

Future projects include grounding the steeple and wiring floodlights.

"All the subcontractors want to do it right. They're taking extra care because it's a special job," Lawbe said. He said the bridge between the chapel and Luther should go up sometime this spring.

# Frigid job market concerns December grads

by Kjersten M. Johnson

Thirty-three students became Wartburg alumni at yesterday's Baccalaureate and Commencement ceremony. But as their college life ends, the career world faces them.

"I am done forever at Wartburg. I feel like screaming," Dana Hauschildt, a social work and communication arts major, said.

Hauschildt hasn't found a job yet. Today, she interviews for a position as a pre-kindergarten teacher in St. Louis, MO. She is also looking at Motivational Media Associates in Colorado Springs, CO.

Heather Wiegand, an English major with a background in journalism, said she thought there would be better job opportunities in December than in May when more graduates look for jobs. She begins work on Dec. 20, as Newsroom Assistant at the Waterloo Courier. Courier Editor Saul Shapiro offered her the position within a few hours of her interview.

"I am really anxious to be out in the

working world," Wiegand said.

Janis Voo, graduate in chemistry, is experiencing the opposite. "I am finding it to be a disadvantage graduating in this field early. I am supposed to go to graduate school, but they don't like to take people in the middle of the semester."

Voo plans to find a research project or train at a chemical company until he can attend school in the fall.

German major Eric Miller will join his wife at the University of Iowa until she graduates in 1995. He plans to enter a masters program in architecture.

His father, Dr. Curtis Miller, bishop of the Western Iowa Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, spoke at ceremony.

He encouraged graduates to shape the questions of life and to realize there is so much yet to learn.

"You will go in many different directions but because of the energy you have, you will change things," Miller said.



**POMP AND CIRCUMSTANCE**—December graduate Heather Wiegand receives congratulations from President Robert Vogel on her accomplishments.

# Big headline: Gremmels retires

by Molly J. Gehl

McElroy Communication Arts Center will not be the same. The sounds of Gustav Mahler and mumbles of "accuracy" will be absent from the halls. Known to his students as "Bob," the Rev. Robert C. Gremmels is moving on.

Gremmels retires from Wartburg at the end of this month after 33 and a half years, (37 and a half if you count his student years).

His wife, the Rev. Beth Olson, currently serves a congregation in Decorah, and he wants to be free to go where she goes in her career.

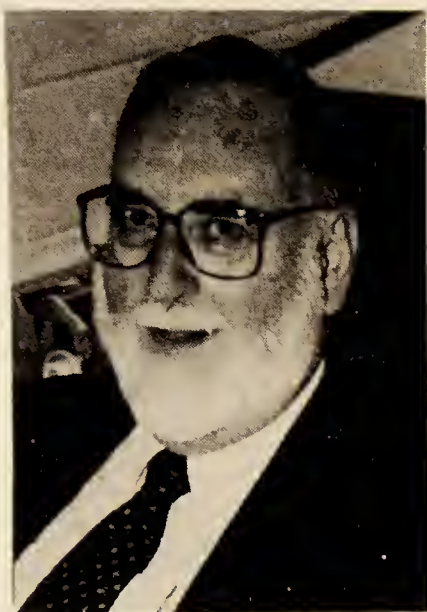
In retirement, Gremmels said he wants to read more, listen to more music, do some freelance writing and work on his house.

"I also want to see how many days it takes to get bored," he said. "I can't remember what it's like to be bored."

Gremmels started working at Wartburg in 1960 as the alumni director. He then headed college relations and directed the Artist Series. In 1972 he joined the Communication Arts Department.

When he began teaching, the number of journalism majors was so low the college wasn't certain the program could be kept alive. The program now includes 77 majors.

Gremmels also helped with the



GREMMELS wanted "big heads, big art."

transition from the program's home in Neumann House to the McElroy Communication Arts Center in 1991.

In addition to teaching, Gremmels has been an adviser for Wartburg's student publications and its chapter of the Society for Collegiate Journalists.

The phrase from behind his thick white beard that students probably

remember the best is, "Accuracy, accuracy, accuracy." These words were drilled into them like scripture.

Never seen without a blue editing pen, he has molded many timid writers into respected journalists.

"We've always had top students," Gremmels said. "And with these students, about the best kind of teaching is the kind that says, 'Show them but don't get in their way.'"

Others have referred to his hands-off policy as encouraging hands-on for students.

Shelly Green, '87, said Gremmels' teaching strategy prepared her for work in the newspaper business.

"For someone who's never worked for a newspaper, he knows all the fundamentals," she said.

Gremmels is also credited with teaching more than good writing techniques to his students.

"Not only did Bob open up the world of journalism for me, but I also have a better appreciation for the arts, Gustav Mahler, New York and a glass of red wine," Green said.

When asked about any failures during his career, Gremmels said getting students to spell certain words correctly has been a struggle.

"I've tried for 30 years to get students to spell Grossmann correctly," he said. "After all, Grossmann was

Wartburg's first president."

Grant Price took over duties as department chair this year and Green joined the journalism faculty.

"I'm leaving the department in the best hands possible," Gremmels said.

What will Gremmels miss most about Wartburg?

"Probably pay day," he said.

What will Wartburg miss most about Gremmels?

"I think Bob added a healthy dose of cynicism to Wartburg, and that I'll miss," Green said.

Dr. Ronald Matthias has been a good friend of Gremmels since both came to Wartburg in 1960.

"Part of our friendship has had to do with liking classical music, but it's more than that," he said. "He's a wonderful human being."

Current students say they will also miss Gremmels.

"When I came to Wartburg I wanted to be a radio broadcaster, but taking Intro to Journalism with Bob got me really excited about being a journalist," Dan Digmann, '95, said.

As Gremmels packs up his last book and boxes up the papers that clutter his desk, students will remember him as adviser, teacher and friend. His influence will live on in the writing styles of students as they pursue careers in the communications field.

## In Brief

**DR. JOHN W. BACHMAN**, president of Wartburg from 1964 to 1974, received the 1993 Pioneer Award from the North American Broadcast Section of the World Association for Christian Communication on Dec. 3.

He was the first Lutheran to receive this award. Bachman developed his communication theories by teaching at Capital University in Ohio, chairing the radio department at Baylor University and directing the Center for Communication and Arts at Union Theological Seminary in New York.

Bachman is responsible for the 4-4-1 Wartburg schedule, providing a May Term for students. Upon leaving Wartburg, he became director of the Office of Communication and Mission Support for the former American Lutheran Church, now part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

He is a former chairperson of the Communications Division of the National Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation.

## Manors residents get refunded for troubles

by Steven K. Schneider

Residents in the Manors have received a credit to their housing bill after complaining about deteriorated living conditions because of maintenance on the buildings.

Dr. Lex Smith, vice president of student life, sent a letter regarding the decision last week. In the letter, Smith said that Wartburg would like to be "responsive to your [the residents] concerns."

The Manors had tuck pointing and roofing maintenance done this summer. Short-term inconvenience was expected, but the project lasted longer than planned.

Wiederaenders House

Council and resident Lance Formwalt, '94, were instrumental in getting the refunds. They sent letters to President Robert Vogel and the *Trumpet* and discussed the issue on a KWAR talk show.

Vogel and Dr. Ron Matthias, vice president for administration and finance made the decision to credit the accounts of the Manors' residents for Fall Term.

Residents of the Afton Manors received \$45. Residents of Ottersberg House received \$35 and those of Wiederaenders House, \$25. The amounts were formulated from the suggestions of the House Council.

## Collier-Bajczyk leaves Wartburg for Washington

by Kjersten M. Johnson

Noel Collier-Bajczyk, Resident Hall Director of Clinton Hall, is heading for Washington State University at the end of Fall Term to be with her husband.

In October, Collier-Bajczyk was married and decided that as soon as her loneliness for her husband got in the way of her job as RHD, she would resign. She said that although it was a hard decision to make, it was the right one.

She has been the RHD in Clinton Hall for one and a half years. She found her job full of stress, enjoyment and excitement all at once.

"It is exciting to see people grow from when I first got here," she said.

Collier-Bajczyk thanked Wartburg Residential Life staff for giving her the opportunity to work both for and with them.

"I will always remember how well I was treated here and how gracious people can be," she said.

The Luther College graduate's friends could not believe it when she took the position at rival Wartburg. She explained their disbelief.

"Let's just say that I had a lot of fun in college. That's one way to put it," she said.

Collier-Bajczyk tried to keep in touch with her residents throughout the year. She likes baking, so she gave students cookies and candy for positive reinforcement when she noticed they were stressed out about upcoming tests or papers.

Clinton Hall resident Justin Miller, '97, said, "It will be sad to see her go, she was always cheerful and willing to listen."

"She related well to students," Clinton Hall resident Kim Hershey, '95 said.

"The most common perception of an RHD is as a disciplinarian, which I am, but I am also a friend willing to be fair and give people the benefit of the doubt," Collier-Bajczyk said.

By working in a college



NOEL COLLIER-BAJCZYK

campus Residential Life staff she helps to shape people, which is one of the reasons she took this job.

She would like to work with the learning disabled, or be an elementary or high school guidance counselor. Either career makes use of her majors in psychology and sociology.

Residential Life staff is continuing the interview process to hire a new Clinton Hall RHD for Winter Term.

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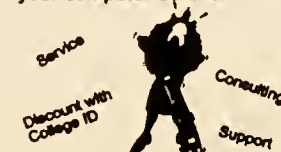
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**OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS**—Amahl and his mother, played by Ben Flessner and Dr. Kay Gjerdingen, eye the gifts the king and his page, played by Jeffrey Snider and Mike Jensen, '95, are bringing to the baby.

## Review

# Three kings offer gifts in 'Amahl'

by Justin P. Schaefer

The sounds of Christmas once again filled Neumann Auditorium as the Wartburg Community Symphony performed *Amahl and the Night Visitors* Saturday.

The first four songs the symphony performed created a wonderful Christmas spirit for the performance.

*Amahl and the Night Visitors*, by Gian Carlo Menotti, takes place as three kings follow the star to Bethlehem with their gifts. They rest at the hut of the crippled Amahl and his widowed mother.

Amahl's mother steals some of the kings' gifts because she needs money for food. But the three Kings forgive her, telling of the love this newborn will bring to this world.

Amahl's mother gives back the gold. Amahl gives his crutch to the kings and is cured of his lameness. The kings take Amahl with them to Bethlehem, so Amahl can thank the baby.

Ben Flessner, a Waverly-Shell Rock fifth-

grader, played Amahl.

The three kings were played by Jeffrey Snider, assistant professor of music, Blair Buffington, '95, and Pat Sobolik, a University of Northern Iowa graduate student. Sobolik played a slightly deaf King, creating humor and informality within his character.

The symphony performed well although at times the instruments seemed to overpower the singers.

One performer sometimes overshadowed was Amahl's mother, played by Kay Gjerdingen, associate professor of music. Gjerdingen's part contained many solos.

The Waverly-Shell Rock Concert Choir performance of the chorus of shepherds and villagers was a surprise. The sounds were heavenly and created a wonderful aura around the actors.

The concert was part of "The Sky is the Limit" concert series. The next symphony performance will be in February.

## Review

# Nutcracker ballet pleases audience

by NiCole L. Bechtel  
and Sara E. Lien

The snow did not fall outside, but falling snow inside Neumann Auditorium was only one of several special effects as *The Nutcracker* took the stage Wednesday.

Ballet Theatre Pennsylvania presented *The Nutcracker* as part of this year's Artist Series.

The story is about a young girl named Clara who receives a nutcracker doll for Christmas. During the night Clara dreams that the doll comes to life.

Act I, Scene 1 depicted a Christmas party, where Clara gets the doll among other lively gifts.

In addition to the professional dancers, this scene involved students from some dance academies in Waverly.

The majority of the ballet consisted of Clara's dream,

beginning in Scene 2, where the nutcracker battles the mouse king in a well-choreographed number.

Scene 3 was the "Land of Snow" with dances from the Snow Queen, Snow Court, and Snow Flakes.

In Act II the nutcracker doll takes Clara on a tour of the Kingdom. This act contains the familiar dances that have melodies commonly heard throughout the holiday season, such as the "Dance of the Sugar Plum Fairy," "Waltz of the Flowers" and the "Overture."

The crowd seemed to enjoy the characters of the Sugar Plum Fairy, Clara and the Ginger Mother, as well as the Arabian Dancers.

The set's lights enhanced the atmosphere of the stage and created a mood as they changed color for each piece performed.

# Captive Free youth team to perform in early January

Campus Ministry Board will sponsor a concert by Captive Free on Thursday, Jan 6, at 7:30 p.m. The concert will be held in Legends at Players Theatre.

Captive Free is a traveling youth ministry team that uses music, puppets and personal testimonials to reach out to people of all ages and promote the Christian faith.

Team members commit a year to performing in churches, schools, prisons and nursing homes.

Through their performance, they try to help strengthen Christ-centered relationships of both youth

and adults within the congregations they visit..

The team experiences a growth in faith as well, learning from those they meet as they perform and continue serving their Lord.

Lutheran Youth Encounter, based in Minneapolis, sponsors Captive Free and nine other ministry teams, serving both nationally and world-wide.

A free will offering will be taken at the concert to support Captive Free.

The musical group's visit to Wartburg is part of their tour in the south-central United States.

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## Editorial

## Steeple inspires skeptic students

With the placement of the steeple(s) on top of the chapel tower, Wartburg College finally secured its place as a college of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America.

Some say we have two spires because Luther College has only one. Others say the double-spire design is oddly reminiscent of Madonna's trademark cone brassiere.

Perhaps they represent the split personality of an institution that talks up ethics and then treats its faculty quite the opposite.

The point is that we finally have a dedicated place to worship. It is time that Wartburg be inspired to act like a college of the church.

Colleges of the church have a mission that clearly and consistently follows their goals.

Dean Pence avoids admitting that an unfortunate staffing decision may have been made in the Geirsson/Gomez fiasco by saying we need more discussion of the college's goals. These forums should be set up now to avoid future mysterious staffing decisions.

It can't be that hard. We'll give you the topic: the definition of liberal arts and the mission of the college. Discuss . . .

## Columns

## Students fighting staffing decisions will not give up

Some people would love to see us students drop our protests about the Geirsson/Gomez decision. They say we're giving the college a bad image. Yet if the non-reappointment decision were justifiable, our protests would be ludicrous and people could easily dismiss our objections instead of seeming nervous about them.

No, we won't quit fighting this decision any time soon. Not when students and faculty haven't been given the answers we deserve regarding this decision. No specific numbers have been shown to us; we are simply told that the "data" shows a "need" to cut these positions, even though the data we have suggests the opposite.

At the Student Senate meeting, students were told that two committees of six faculty members each spent *hours* making this decision; therefore, it must be right. However, this argument isn't rational. Not so long ago, nearly the entire Southern population believed that slavery was moral. So just because a number of people on this campus make a decision that they think is wise doesn't mean that it should not be questioned.

I cannot be silent when these decision makers claim that their actions were based on facts and other objective considerations, and yet a committee member that played an intricate role in this process stated at a Student Senate meeting that "foreign language has no future." He showed us that this decision was in fact highly personal, not based on facts, but on his subjective feelings about what programs are valuable.



## A Bit O' Whatnot

by Jenny T. Schulz

I cannot be silent when grandiloquent words come from the administration professing how valuable foreign language and multiculturalism are to Wartburg, and none of them see their decision as a contradiction to this mission. Yet their decision

wipes out one-fourth of the Foreign Language Department and one half of the international professors on this campus.

I cannot be silent when more than 640 Wartburg students care enough to sign a petition stating that they are opposed to the decision, only to have Dean Pence tell them that "with all due respect," it isn't a very effective way to state opinions, nor are letters in the *Trumpet*.

Pence wants us to have an open dialogue, yet none of the three dialogues that I have had with him have shown that he even values my opinion. He simply concludes, "I guess that's where you and I differ." If my conversations with the administration will not lead to any changes or reconsiderations, I guess I will have to take my concerns elsewhere.

It may be hard for some people to believe when they look at all the criticisms I have been expressing, but I love Wartburg College. I love the friendliness, the care of the professors, the countless programs, abroad and domestic, the many traditions like Outfly and Christmas with Wartburg.

It is because I care deeply about Wartburg's future that I object to these decisions. Professor Ted Heine said at the Student Senate meeting that he wants Wartburg to *survive* the next 50 years. Fifty years from now, I want Wartburg to *thrive*.

## CHAOS by Brian Shuster



"Well, how nice to see you. Can I take your coats?"

## Fear-monger tactics leave America 'rushed, in limbo'

For weeks now, every time I have heard from my mom, she asks me what I want for Christmas. Each time, my mind goes blank. But now I've finally decided. I want to debate with Rush Limbaugh.

I know you're wondering how a guy who failed high school geometry could win against someone with "talent on loan from God." The answer is easy. To win, all I'd have to do is show that he doesn't have all the answers, something he does every day on his show.

I've always been tolerant of everyone's point of view. If they have a good reason for believing what they do, that's good enough for me. The problem with Limbaugh is, he doesn't challenge people to think, he simply tells them what is right.

In reality, the more disagreement we have as a society the better. By using our differences, we can put together the best ideas. No single person has all the answers. Even people who spend their whole lives focusing on one subject don't know much more than anyone else.

Rush says he's a harmless little fuzzball, but he is truly dangerous. Not because he has the ultimate truth, but because he is reckless. In the end, he isn't much better than the man he truly loathes, Ross Perot. When you look at the two, there are striking similarities.

Both Rush and Perot are fear-mongers. Their whole existence is to show how everyone is out to get you. In Rush's case, it's the media and liberals. These sick people have plans to wipe out the American family. They aren't normal. They don't like



## Nothing Left To Be Said

by Michael D. Evans

America and they're spreading like cancer.

I find this strange because I guess he's talking about me. If the liberal media is really up to something, why don't they tell me? I'm still waiting to get a phone call from Peter Jennings to

give me the details. Ironically, I actually like America and I think families are neat—especially if they help me buy a new stereo for Christmas.

I admit, sometimes I agree with Rush. This is very traumatic for me and it pains me greatly, but sometimes he knows what he is talking about. These moments are rare. Most times, he makes statements that seem intelligent but after a second look are really stupid.

For example: Because a White House spokesperson said the recession ended in 1991, Rush says it's really George Bush's recovery. It seems logical, but, if you think about it, what does a recession actually mean? The economic term has nothing to do with real people. Let us remember statistics can say whatever we want them to. People were still hurting when Bush left office.

Most of what comes out of Rush's big mouth isn't fact, but opinion. There are no easy answers in Washington, as Rush says there are. Even if there were, Rush couldn't be any further from the truth. He's good for a laugh, but that doesn't mean he knows anything about politics.

I don't think my parents have the pull to set up a debate with Rush. I'll tell you this: if it did happen, Rush's next job would be to clean up Washington's streets with a broom and dustpan.

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# Foreign language major not dead

## Letter

As an alumna who majored in French, I am saddened by the administration's recent decision regarding Jamie Gomez. Saddened, but not surprised.

For four years, I listened to Wartburg claims that they supported, endorsed and encouraged multiculturalism. Wartburg's foreign language program is one of the best and with the administration's support, it could benefit many students. I had many friends at Wartburg who told me that if they had had the time to continue their foreign language studies after high school, they would have. Unfortunately, the Wartburg Plan required too many classes so they did not have the time available.

Dr. Pence stated that foreign languages are not included in *his* definition of a liberal arts education. How very odd that better-known institutions such as Concordia, St. Olaf, Carleton, Yale and Georgetown have strong foreign language programs and believe that, not only do languages *benefit* (vs. limit) the student after graduation, but they are a valuable component of a *liberal arts education*. Could it be that Dr. Pence's definition of a liberal arts education is just a little bit too narrow-minded for today's world? But, as the French would say, *Que sais-je?* (Certain members of the staff and administration should feel free to ask the Foreign Language Department for a translation of this phrase.)

As for Ted Heine's comment that languages are too limiting, he should know that 98% of the interviews I attended were the *direct* result of my language capabilities, not my business education.

Let me just finish by saying that not only will I never give money to Wartburg College, but I would discourage prospective students from attending Wartburg. Although my professors were capable and dedicated instructors, I cannot support a school who treats its students and its professors as second-class citizens. Let's face it, small college or not, to the administration, a student is just another number. Perhaps select members of the administration could teach a new core requirement: Superficiality 101.

Marla J. Ricketts, '92

## Letter

### Venture Ed student teaches Namibian teachers English

Imagine a country that has blended together the beer of Germany, the tea-times of England, the siestas of Latin America and the music of the United States. Mix in 17 indigenous languages and top with a scorching hot sun, and you're in Namibia, my home for Fall Term (it's spring here!).

The Republic of Namibia is Africa's newest independent country, having broken away from South Africa in 1989 after more than 100 years of colonial rule. The damage caused by decades of apartheid is slowly being repaired . . . It's exciting for me to see the pride and optimism of Namibians when they speak of independence, free elections or the new Namibia dollar.

My main duty here has been teaching English to primary school teachers. While English is their fourth or fifth language, they approach it eagerly, making me ashamed of being so monolingual.

The cultural and physical diversity of Namibia really keeps me on my toes! I've danced to an Afrikaner oompah band, helped to slaughter a cow, attended the musical theatre and bartered with a toothless and topless Himba woman for her bracelet. I've waded in the Atlantic Ocean, climbed sand dunes and tiptoed through old South African mine fields on the Angolan border.

If the purpose of a Venture Education term is to familiarize us with and make us adapt to a foreign culture, I'd have to say that my time here has been very successful. Last night I even dreamed that I was driving on the wrong (left) side of the road!

I've experienced more than I ever thought possible, and will genuinely miss the openness and relaxed lifestyle of the Namibians.

Anne Rothfusz, '96

## Letter

Student Georgia Sophocleous is right when she claims that we underestimate the importance of foreign languages. In response to Professor Heine's comment that foreign language as a discipline and as a career path is very limited, I'd like to let you know what some of the students from our small but very effective program have done with their majors. Since I am primarily familiar with the French graduates, I will limit my examples to them.

Charlean Pierre, '79, spent years at the United Nations before becoming Director of Centralized Purchasing for the Meridien Hotel chain owned by Air France. Miriam Lutz, '84, was an interpreter for the State Department before going into refugee work in Kenya. Dana Kennedy, '82, negotiated contracts with American companies for Tchad, the Francophone former French colony of Africa, after spending a month in the capital personally assessing the government's needs.

Sheilah Gruden Alexander, '82, became a bilingual secretary, Jennifer Spain, '90, a bilingual concierge for a Michigan Avenue hotel and Laura Brommer, '92, a bilingual inside sales representative

## Letter

Permit me to share some facts that I think will sustain the faith of campus language enthusiasts in the future of foreign languages. According to Foreign Language Department research, of the 345 Wartburg freshmen, only 27 did not have a foreign language in high school.

If this statistic, as well as the number, enthusiasm and talent of the high school students who recently participated in the the Foreign Language Department's foreign language immersion weekend, indicates interest and commitment to foreign language, then there is good reason to believe that this study is alive and to be optimistic about demand for quality college foreign language programs.

Let me also offer my opinion about the broad focus and practicality of foreign language study. I can think of no better way to acquire the broad background today's employers seek than through studying a foreign language in its cultural context.

Foreign language study at Wartburg College establishes fluency as a major goal and also challenges students to look beneath the surface of a foreign culture to discover cultural explanations for patterns of behavior and thinking. Perhaps the greatest fringe benefits of foreign language study are the acquisition of insight into patterns of being and

for Enerpac Applied Power, whose Quebec representatives speak French, and often only French. It was her French that got Kathy Rule, '83, into a French import company in California. Now she has her own. Kevin McDonald, '84; and Sharon Downie, '88, went into airline work as trilingual flight attendants.

Of course, many foreign language students go into education. Eric Lien, '82, is a college professor. Other French students have gone into high school teaching, often with a second major such as biology or math. I started off as a high school math teacher myself. Robyn Roloff, '93, received several job offers in elementary education in Boston and Minneapolis at a time when elementary job offers are scarce, because she could teach the curriculum in French, and because she scored high on a national proficiency test.

I could go on. I could talk about Ph.D. candidates and Fulbrights and Rotary scholarships. I am very proud of the successes of our graduates, and amazed by the diversity of the jobs they find.

Dr. Moira McCluney, professor of French

the development of the objectivity, tolerance and patience that result from depth of understanding.

It would not be difficult to provide a list of impressive careers of foreign language alums who have met with success in fields such as international law, international relations, journalism, investment, banking, foreign import, computer programming and education both here and abroad, not only because of specialized skills in these areas, but because their employers recognized the value of the highly transferable skills with which foreign language study had equipped them.

The intimate knowledge of another culture through proficiency in its language is highly sought after and financially rewarding. Each of us in the Foreign Language Department can tell you success stories about students whose fulfilling lives are the reward of foreign language study. They were wise enough to combine a field of study with a minor or major in foreign languages—and it paid off!

Please talk with my colleagues about students whose careers and acceptance by graduate schools not only prove there is life after foreign languages, but that it is an interesting and rewarding one.

Yvonne Losch, assistant professor of German

## Philosophy profs' comments solicited

I asked philosophy professors at other institutions to comment on the cutting of a position in Wartburg's Philosophy Department. Here are some of the responses.

**Philosophy and the liberal arts:** Dr. Evan Fales of the

University of Iowa said that philosophy is "central to a liberal arts curriculum . . . because of the fundamental nature of the questions it asks, because here, more than anywhere else, students can come to appreciate that deep questions don't have easy answers and that a good answer must be a reasoned answer." Dr. David Haugen of Western Illinois University said, "Philosophy is obviously a core liberal arts discipline; [therefore] weakening the Philosophy Department threatens a liberal arts college's ability to fulfill its mission."

**One-person Philosophy Departments:** Dr. Panayot Butchvarov of the University of Iowa said that if Wartburg "has any pretensions to be a liberal arts college, it needs two professors, at least."

Fales said, "Philosophy is a discipline whose very lifeblood is controversy and the possibility of divergent points of view, and it is essential, I believe, both to the intellectual life of a department, and to the education of its students, that such differing points of view, and the reasoned debate they spawn, be represented, encouraged, and given expression. A department cannot effectively model this sort of



thing, I think, when it has just one member."

**Ethics of the decision:** Dr. Joseph Cummins of Grinnell College said Grinnell's policy is that "if there is any doubt about the continuation of a faculty position, the position is designated as temporary and not tenure-track. I believe

that a college should indicate to candidates from the start whether a position is regular or temporary, and then the college should keep its word." Dr. Michael Losonsky of Colorado State University said, "Even if the college has some legal leg to stand on, it certainly has no moral leg to stand on in this case."

Dr. Beverly Kracher of Creighton University asked what the administration promised, "explicitly or implicitly, when they interviewed and hired Dr. Geirsson?" She said that normally a professor remains on tenure-track "unless the institution is losing enrollment in the discipline to such a degree that elimination of the position is imperative. Is Wartburg losing enrollment in philosophy? Is it fulfilling its agreement with Dr. Geirsson? Is it justified in its strategy? Or is it merely trying to find ways to rationalize a poor decision?"

These professors' responses tend to confirm what many already suspected: the administration's decisions do not serve the best long-term interests of Wartburg College.

# Wrestlers win home invitational crown

In the end, the Wartburg wrestling squad proved it was the nationally-ranked team to be reckoned with.

The Knights, ranked second in the nation in Division III competition, claimed the tournament title with 186.25 points. Buena Vista, who went into the tournament ranked fifth in the nation, was runner-up with 113.5 points.

Other teams entered in the tournament that held a national ranking were Augustana (IL), 15th; Cornell, 17th and the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, 20th.

"The mood in the wrestling room before the meet was that everyone knew it was going to be very close," Knight wrestler Rudd Nelson said. "Along with all the other nationally ranked teams, we knew Buena Vista was going to be the one to beat. We just didn't think we'd win that big."

The Knights sent 14 wrestlers to the placing matches, which led them to their second consecutive home tournament title. Six Knights were named individual champions.

Zane Braggs, who was named the tournament's MVP, took first at 118 pounds after pinning Buena Vista's Chad Tunick in the second period.

At 126 pounds Chris Ristau earned a 7-3 decision over UW-River Falls' Dave Reusch for championship

honors.

The Knights took first and second at 150 pounds as Kevin McCarthy defeated teammate Steve Wood 9-3.

Eric Kimball was crowned champion at 158 pounds, edging out Simpson's Shannon McLaughlin 3-2. And Michael Doyle beat Tim Jager from Buena Vista 3-1 for the 167-pound title.

Blake Williams was also an individual champion for the Knights after beating Buena Vista's Chad Kodemn 3-1 for the 190-pound title.

"We were very pleased with the fan support," Doyle said. "Having them there to cheer us on is very important to us. It really helps a lot."

Other wrestlers that placed for the Knights were Zach Geary, fifth at 134 pounds; Jamal Fox, second at 142; John Mast, sixth at 150; Greg Halsor, third at 167; Chad Gerbracht, second at 177; Nelson, fifth at 177 and Jesse Molinar, second at HWT.

Those that competed for the Knights but did not place were Preston Essex at 118 pounds; Andy Botello at 126; Brian Morgan at 134; Aaron VanMilligan at 142; Kevin Miller and Tom Buhr, both at 158 and Leony Kaster at 167.

"We're out to top our second-place finish at the national meet last year," Doyle said. "(Saturday) was just a start for us. From now on we need to buckle down and continue to get better."



## TWO OF SIX CHAMPIONS—

(above) Wartburg's Chris Ristau keeps a tight hold on one of his opponents in the Dick Walker Knights' Invitational Saturday in Waverly. Ristau went on to claim the title at 126 pounds with a 7-3 decision over UW-River Falls' Dave Reusch. Head Coach Jim Miller (right) stands to the right of Zane Braggs and shows off the Knights' first-place trophy while Braggs displays his award for being named the tournament's MVP. Braggs captured the crown at 118 pounds after pinning Buena Vista's Chad Tunick in the second period. The Knights took first at their home meet with 186.25 points

Photos by Dan Diggmann and Joel Becker



## Women cagers earn two wins

Eight games into the season, members of Wartburg's women's basketball team are finally making the connection between the practice court and the game court, Head Coach Monica Severson said.

"As a team we've started to realize what we've had to do in practice to start winning in games," Severson said.

The Knights captured two wins last week to finish pre-conference competition with a 5-3 mark.

After stomping the Gustavus Adolphus Gusties 86-56 in Waverly Tuesday, the Knights traveled to Cedar Rapids Friday and pummeled the Coe Kohawks 100-58.

But against the Gusties Tuesday, the Knights carried only a three-point lead at the break.

"In the first half I think we were pretty timid on defense," center Cheryl Zarn said. "But during halftime we figured that we were able to beat these guys, so we went out and just took it to them."

The Knights shot 70% from the field in the second half, sinking 21 of 30 shots, which boosted their game average to 51%.

Michelle Grow led the Knights' scoring with 20 points. Kim Grimm cashed in with 13 points, while Brenda Bowman and Dawn Keller contributed 12 and 10 points, respectively.

Zarn provided the Knights' with a force under the basket by grabbing seven rebounds. Grimm dished out five assists to lead the Knights in that area.

Coe didn't prove to be

much of a challenge for Wartburg Friday.

At the intermission the Knights commanded a 51-32 lead.

"We played very well on defense," Severson said. "And despite having a big lead, we were able to play with good intensity the whole 40 minutes."

Four players finished the game in double figures to lead the Knights' onslaught.

Grimm, Grow and Zarn came up with 16 points each, and Nancy Krapfl was good for 11 points.

Zarn, Bowman and Deb Wilkinson led the Knights on the inside as each ripped down six rebounds.

Wartburg will open IAC action in Waverly against Central Jan. 7 and William Penn Jan. 8.

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# Tough week on the road for men's basketball team

by Jennifer E. Keat

A two-game road trip was anything but friendly for the Wartburg men's basketball team last week.

The Knights slipped past Northwestern College 109-107 in double overtime Tuesday in St. Paul, MN, but lost to Teikyo-Marycrest 78-57 Saturday in Davenport.

Wartburg ends its pre-Iowa Conference schedule with a 6-2 record.

Despite Tuesday's victory, the contest against Northwestern was nothing but a struggle for the Knights.

It wasn't until the final two minutes of regulation that Wartburg was able to gain the lead.

From there it was a back-and-forth battle that ended in a 93-93 deadlock at the end of regulation.

The first overtime ended in a 103-103 tie.

But in the second overtime, Lucas DeWitt nailed two freethrows to spark the Knights as they outscored Northwestern 6-4 for the 109-107 win.

"It was not the situation we wanted to be in," Head Coach Howard Gauthier said. "We have to have the lead down the stretch and we didn't."

Rob Kain led the Knights' scoring with 26 points. Matt Freesemann powered in for 24 while Mark Franzen and Randy Rinderknecht each scored 12. Jason Quillin dished out 12 assists.

The Knights' trip Saturday provided nothing easier.

The Teikyo-Marycrest Marauding Eagles were prepared to avenge their 69-61 loss to the Knights earlier this season in the championship game of the Wartburg Tournament.

The Marauding Eagles showed no mercy and had five players score in double figures.

"Since we had already beaten them earlier this season we didn't prepare for the game the way we should have," Rinderknecht said. "We went into the game probably with a little too much confidence."

The Knights were again led by Kain, who scored 28 points and had eight rebounds. Bob Bringolf tossed in 10 points before suffering a slight concussion and Mark Franzen connected for seven.

"We didn't execute very well," Gauthier said. "We let their intensity get to us mentally. It took us out of the game."

Wartburg will resume play Jan. 7 with their IAC opener against Central College in Waverly and then take on William Penn at home Jan. 8.

"Right now we're very comfortable with where we're at," Rinderknecht said. "We would have liked to be 7-1 going into the conference, but 6-2 is a great pre-conference record. We'll take that in with us and hopefully win our first game against Central."

## Fine Print

### MEN'S BASKETBALL

TUESDAY  
AT ST. PAUL, MN

Wartburg (111)  
Northwestern (109)  
(2 OT)

\*Complete box scores were not available.

SATURDAY  
AT DAVENPORT

Wartburg (57)  
Rinderknecht 1-8 1-2 3, Freesemann 2-9 0-0 4, Kain 12-20 4-7 28, Quillin 1-5 0-0 2, Franzen 2-3 3-5 7, Foote 0-5 0-0 0, DeWitt 0-0 0-0 0, Zalasky 0-1 0-2 0, Bringolf 4-5 2-2 10, Matthias 0-0 0-0 0, Lynch 1-8 1-1 3, Siebrecht 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-64 11-19 57.

Teikyo Marycrest (78)  
Shiltz 4-9 6-8 15, Summers 5-7 2-2 13, Samuels 3-5 4-4 10, McDonald 6-13 6-6 19, Kane 1-2 2-2 4, Carpenter 1-1 0-0 2, Dieckman 3-8 5-8 11, Nove 0-0 0-0 0, Lowe 1-4 2-4 4, Bytnar 0-0 0-0 0, Huyck 0-0 0-0 0, Tateishi 0-0 0-0 0, Ryan 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 24-50 27-34 78.

### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

TUESDAY  
AT WAVERLY

Wartburg (86)  
Grimm 4-7 3-3 13, Bowman 5-8 1-2 12, Grow 9-14 2-4 20, Zarn 2-8 5-10 9, Keller 5-6 0-0 10, Schult 0-3 2-2 2, Wilt 3-5 0-0 6, Zuck 2-4 3-4 7, Brooks 1-6 0-0 2, Wilkinson 1-1 1-1 3, Burke 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-65 17-26 86.

Gustavus Adolphus (56)  
Heltner 6-13 1-2 16, Olstad 2-5 1-2 5, Peik 5-12 2-3 12, Dirnberger 0-1 0-0 0, Behrens 3-6 1-2 7, Schonrock 0-2 0-0 0, Kronback 3-4 0-1 7, Lenoch 2-5 0-0 4, Cox 2-

2 1-2 5 Heise 0-0 0-0 0, Swanson 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 23-48 6-12 56.

SATURDAY  
AT CEDAR RAPIDS

Wartburg (100)  
Grimm 5-7 5-6 16, Bowman 4-8 1-1 7, Grow 6-8 4-4 10, Zarn 6-11 4-4 16, Keller 2-7 0-0 4, Zuck 2-3 4-5 8, Burke 1-3 2-2 4, Brooks 0-4 2-3 2, Wilt 2-2 1-2 5, Wilkinson 3-6 1-2 7, Krapfl 2-4 7-10 11. Totals 33-63 31-39 100.

Coe (58)  
Maikham 5-11 2-2 12, Slezak 5-13 1-2 11, Hove 4-10 0-0 10, Klein 2-6 2-3 7, Burns 4-8 1-3 9, Bruner 2-3 0-1 4, Barnes 1-4 1-3 3, Walker 0-2 0-0 0, Czipar 1-2 0-0 2, Collins 0-0 0-1 0, Freeland 0-1 0-0 0, Lay 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-60 7-15 58.

### WRESTLING

DICK WALKER KNIGHTS' INVITATIONAL

SATURDAY  
AT WAVERLY

Team results—1. Wartburg 186.25; 2. Buena Vista 113.5; 3. UW-River Falls 73.25; 4. Simpson 64.5; 5. Cornell 59.75; 6. UW-Whitewater 55.5; 7. Teikyo Westmar 55; 8. Augustana 39.75; 9. Loras 33; 10. Upper Iowa 12; 11. William Penn 8; 12. Coe 5; 13. Carleton (MN) 0.

Wartburg place winners—118—1. Braggs (W) threw 2. Tunick (BV); 126—1. Ristau (W) def. 2. Reusch (UW-RF) 7-3; 134—5. Geary (W) def. 6. Wedding (UW-WW) 8-6; 142—1. Wilson (A) def. 2. Fox (W) 11-7; 150—1. McCarthy (W) def. 2. Wood (W) 9-3, 5. Guggenmos (BV) def. 6. Mast (W) 9-6; 158—1. Kimball (W) def. 2. McLaughlin (S) 3-2; 167—1. Doyle (W) def. 2. Jager (BV) 3-1, 5. Halsor (W) threw 6. Hinrichs (UW-RF) 1:18; 177—1. Truitt (Cor.) def. 2. Gerbracht (W) 2-0, 5. Nelson (W) won via injury default; 190—1. Williams (W) def. 2. Kodemn (BV) 3-1; HWT—1. Carson (S) threw 2. Molinar (W).

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